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**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 2930

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

TIPPING et al.

Group Art Unit: 2123

Serial No.: 09/520,678

Examiner: DAY, H.

Filed: March 7, 2000

For: Variational Relevance Vector Machine

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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of the applicants, hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to and including March 5, 2004, to file the Response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, which carried an original response date of December 5, 2003.

The extension fee in the amount of \$950.00 and any additional fee which may be due or any other charges in connection with the submission of the response should be charged to the credit card number on the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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